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more about what has become of Uganda and what it may become in the future will be pleased to find so many useful entries on key persons, institutions and events. They will be further assisted by a handy chronology and extensive bibliography.

Givent Uganda's travail, this book could only have been written by someone who can only approach the task objectively but also affectionately. Such a person is M. Louise Probert, who spent many years living there or nearby and has shown a keen interest even when further away. She was, among other things, a Research Assistant, Research Fellow and Lecturer in Religious Studies at Mekere University and a member of the Uganda Coordinating Group of Amnesty International. She has recently retired from a post as Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies.

Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire were extremely cordial, and Lake Albert was temporarily renamed after the Zairean president. Between 1980 and 1986 during Obote's second presidency thousands of people from West Nile (q.v.) became refugees in Zaire as a result of insurgency and the barbarities of the Uganda National Liberation Army (q.v.). From 1990 onwards Zaireans have again sought refuge in Uganda from the breakdown of law and order in their own country, and from "ethnic cleansing" of people of Banyarwanda (q.v.) origin in Kivu Province.

SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

Introduction

This select bibliography is largely limited to works in English. There is a very extensive literature in Luganda, the language of the Baganda who live in the central area of Uganda, which includes history, biography and political comment of great value. There is also a thriving Luganda language press. A little published literature exists in other Ugandan languages, and some unpublished manuscripts in various Ugandan languages have been collected and deposited in Makerere University Library. Partial guides to writing in Luganda may be found in J.A. Rowe's "Myth, Memoir and Moral Admonition: Luganda Historical Writing" (*Uganda Journal*, 33, 1, 1969, 17–40) and in M.C. Fallers' *The Eastern Lacustrine Bantu (Ganda and Soga)* (Ethnographic Survey of Africa: East Central Africa, Part 11, London: International African Institute, 1960).

As well as the bibliographies listed at 1.2, certain books contain particularly useful bibliographical sections. H.B. Thomas's and R. Scott's scholarly *Uganda* (London: Oxford University Press, 1935) has a bibliography of remarkable length for a book published at this date. The three volumes of the *Oxford History of East Africa* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1963, 1965 and 1976) are useful in listing British and Uganda Protectorate Government reports and papers for the colonial period. These and other British government papers dealing with the colonial period are available in the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, WC2. The book review and bibliographical sections of the *Uganda Journal* are invaluable.

Dr Cherry Gertzel's *Uganda: An Annotated Bibliography* (Sevenoaks, UK: Hans Zell Publishers, 1991) gives some indica-

tion of the amount and scope of post-1970 official Uganda Government material which can be located by the researcher who goes to Uganda. The Entebbe Secretariat Archives (the archives of the protectorate administration) have deteriorated through lack of conservation, but are of prime importance for the colonial period. Unpublished seminar papers which are not generally available outside Uganda are not usually listed in this bibliography. Such papers are collected both in Makerere University Library and also in the Library of the Makerere Institute of Social Research. The Faculties of Arts and Social and Political Sciences have produced mimeographed material of considerable value. Valuable archive collections can be found at Makerere University and in the Albert Cook Memorial Library at the Medical School, Mulago Hospital. The Centre for Basic Research, P.O. Box 9863, Kampala also publishes papers by Ugandan researchers and from time to time issues a complete list of these.

Mission and church archives and publications are of great importance for the history of Uganda. The archives of the Church Missionary Society, now located at Birmingham University, UK; of the White Fathers located at Via Aurelia 269, Rome 00165; of the Mill Hill Fathers at St Joseph's College, Lawrence Street, Mill Hill, London; and the Verona Fathers (Missionari Comboniani), in Verona, Italy, are all important. Mission headquarters at many of the older-established parishes in Uganda also house archival material of great interest, much of which at parish level is still unexplored. Most Roman Catholic Missions kept mission diaries which have been little used in spite of their value as source material. Mission periodical publications of particular importance include the *Annual Reports* of the Church Missionary Society, the *Church Missionary Intelligencer* (before 1906), the *Church Missionary Review* (1906 onwards), *Mengo Notes* (published in Uganda 1900–1902) and *Uganda Notes* (also published in Uganda 1902–1913), the *Chroniques Trimestrielles* and the *Rapports Annuels* of the White Fathers, the *Annalen van het Missiehuis te Rozendaal* (from 1895–1914) of the Mill Hill Fathers and the *Daystar in Africa* published by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters which were associated with the Mill Hill Fathers, are all valuable. Christopher Smith, *Index 1912–1990 International Review of Missions*, Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1993, is a guide to the contents of the leading journal of missions and

missiology in English. Some material from the Muslim community has been housed in Makerere University Library.

Novels, plays, poetry and other literary works in English are not covered by the bibliography, though the Dictionary includes entries on some prominent writers and artists. Dictionaries and grammars of Ugandan languages, some of them of great erudition, have also had to be omitted. Geography is also largely omitted, as is scientific literature, including scientific aspects of medicine. Section 9 deals with the history of medical provision and with such events as the sleeping sickness and AIDS epidemics.

Uganda has often been international "news" during the post-independence years, and the British and Kenyan presses and specialist Africa publications contain frequent and sometimes substantial articles on Uganda. Valuable though much of this material is, it has not proved practicable to include reference to it in this bibliography, and except in one or two instances articles of no more than three or four pages have been omitted. The following (non-Ugandan) publications, published in London unless otherwise stated, all contain important references to Uganda from time to time: *Africa*, *Africa Analysis*, *Africa Confidential*, *Africa Contemporary Record*, *Africa Defence Journal* (Paris), *Africa Economic Digest*, *Africa News*, *Africa Now*, *Africa Events*, *Africa Report*, *Africa Research Bulletin* (Oxford), *BBC Monitoring Service Reports* (Reading, UK), *The Economist*, *Indian Ocean Newsletter* (Paris), *Keesing's Contemporary Archives*, *New African*, *South Translations on Sub-Saharan Africa* (Joint Publications Research Service (Washington), *The Weekly Review* (Nairobi).

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